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SUBJ: TOUR D'HORIZON WITH FOREIGN MINISTER SUWAIDI

SUMMARY:

CHARGE MET FOR 75 MINUTES APRIL 28 WITH FOR MIN SUWAIDI IN
WIDE-RANGING DISCUSSION DEVOTED TO CURRENT FOREIGN POLICY TOPICS.
SYRIA VERY MUCH ON SUWAIDI'S MINE ON EVE SECRETARY'S VISIT, AND HE
TOOK POSITION THAT EMB BELIEVES VERY CLOSE TO OUR OWN READING OF SIT-
UATION, NAMELY, A. THAT SYRIANS ARE MUCH TOUGHER BREED THAN
EGYPTIANS AND IT IS THEY, NOT THE SOVIETS, WHO ARE KEEPING PRESSURE

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ON ISRAELIS TO DRAMATIZE THEIR COMMITMENT TO REGAINING OCCUPIED

TERRITORY; B. ASAD IS MAN OF OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP QUALITIES WHO FIRMLY IN CONTROL AND DEDICATED TO PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT. UAEG, THEREFORE, HOPES US WILL GIVE SYRIAN PRES FULL SUPPORT; C. SOVIETS DESPERATELY TRYING TO PRESERVE SEMBLANCE OF THEIR FORMER INFLUENCE IN ME, AND FM STATED STABILITY OF AREA PROBABLY REQUIRES THAT FORMULA BE FOUND FOR RUSSIANS TO BE INCLUDED IN ANY ME SETTLEMENT. ON OTHER SUBJECTS SUWAIDI COMMENTED AS FOLLOWS:

1. UAEG DOES NOT INTEND TO PERMIT COMMUNIST STATES TO OPEN DIPLOMATIC ESTABLISHMENTS UNTIL COUNTRY'S SECURITY CAPABILITY IMPROVED SUFFICIENTLY TO CLOSELY MONITOR THEIR ACTIVITIES, BUT SUWAIDI PERSONALLY BELIEVES IT IN UAE'S LONG-TERM INTERESTS TO HAVE RELATIONS EVENTUALLY WITH ALL STATES, INCLUDING COMMUNIST COUNTRIES.

2. DODGING QUESTION WHETHER THERE HAVE BEEN ANY NEW PROPOSALS TABLED TO SOLVE SAUDI/ABU DHABI BORDER DISPUTE, SUWAIDI STATED NUMBER OF CHANNELS ARE NOW BEING USED BY UAE IN HOPE OF ACHIEVING BREAKTHROUGH ON THIS PROBLEM, BUT GOVT PLACING GREATEST RELIANCE ON MEDIATION EFFORTS OF QATARIS, WHOM FM PRAISED AS HAVING RESPECT OF BOTH PARTIES.

3. UAEG PLEASED WITH COMPOSITION OF COMMITTEE FORMED AT TUNIS TO EXPLORE SETTLEMENT OF PDRY/OMANI CONFLICT AND HOPEFUL INCREASED ARAB CONTACTS WITH PDRY AND MORE FLEXIBLE ATTITUDE RECENTLY DISPLAYED BY LEADERSHIP WILL ULTIMATELY BRING POLITICAL SETTLEMENT.

4. IN ITS RELATIONS WITH IRAQ, UAE FOLLOWS VERY CAUTIOUS POLICY BECAUSE OF OVERLAPPING AND OFTEN CONFLICTING LEVELS ON WHICH GOI OPERATES IN ARAB WORLD, I.E. GOVT TO GOVT AND CLANDESTINE, SUBVERSIVE OPERATIONS OF BAATH PARTY. FM DID STRESS, HOWEVER, THAT GOI AS GULF STATE CANNOT BE IGNORED BY UAE, BUT HE SEEMED RELATIVELY UNWORRIED ABOUT IRAQI MISCHIEVOUSNESS BECAUSE OF THEIR PREOCCUPATION WITH KURDS AND BORDER PROBLEM WITH IRAN. SUWAIDI SEEMS IMPRESSED WITH US KNOWLEDGE AND ANALYSIS OF WORLD-WIDE PROBLEMS AND EMB BELIEVES UAEG WISHES INCREASINGLY TAP OUR INFO RESOURCES AS AID TO ITS OWN DECISION-MAKING PROCESS.

ACTION REQUESTED: IN RESPONSE TO SUWAIDI'S SPECIFIC REQUEST WOULD
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APPRECIATE ANY UPDATED SUMMARY ANALYSIS DEPT CAN PROVIDE ON INTERNAL SITUATION IN PDRY AND PROSPECTS OF ADEN REGIME COOPERATING WITH CONCILIATION COMMITTEE IN WORKING TOWARD POLITICAL SETTLEMENT OF DHOFARI WAR.

1. AFTER TWO WEEKS OF TRYING, FINALLY SUCCEEDED APR 28 IN MEETING UAE

FM SUWAIDI FOR DISCUSSION OF NUMBER OF CURRENT FOREIGN POLICY SUBJECT

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MTG WHICH LASTED 75 MINUTES, IS SUMMARIZED BELOW. SUWAIDI AND I HAVE AGREED TO MEET AGAIN FOLLOWING VISIT OF MAURITANIAN PRESIDENT AND CON-

CLUSION OF SHAIKH ZAYID'S TOUR OF EMIRATES FOR IN-DEPTH DISCUSSION OF INTERNAL SITUATION AND RELATED GULF REGIONAL MATTERS.

2. BILATERAL RELATIONS: OPENED DISCUSSION BY INFORMING SUWAIDI OFFICIALLY THAT UAE CHARGE MIDFAH HAD PRESENTED HIS CREDENTIALS TO UNDERSEC RUSH ON APRIL 25. NEWS ITEM OF CEREMONY WAS CARRIED SAME DAY

BY LOCAL MEDIA. SUWAIDI COMMENTED THAT OPENING OF UAEG OFFICE IN WASHINGTON AND NOMINATION OF RESIDENT US AMBASSADOR ARE PROPER MOVES AT THIS TIME FOR BROADENING AND SOLIDIFYING OF OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS.

SUWAIDI REITERATED WHAT HE AND OTHERS IN UAEG HAVE TOLD US, NAMELY THAT UAEG ANXIOUS TO APPOINT AMBASSADOR TO WASH SOONEST, ONLY DELAY IS SELECTION OF THE RIGHT MAN.

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3. SYRIAN SITUATION: PROVIDED SUWAIDI WITH SUMMARY BRIEFING OF RECENT

INFO ABOUT SYRIAN SITUATION RECEIVED FROM DEPT, AS WELL AS FLAVOR OF EXCELLENT REPORTING BY USINT DAMASCUS. SUWAIDI AGREED FULLY WITH MAIN POINTS OF MY ANALYSIS; A. SYRIANS, NOT SOVS, ARE CALLING ALL THE SHOTS ON THE GOLAN FRONT TO MAKE UNMISTAKABLY CLEAR TO ISRAELIS THEIR DETERMINATION TO RECOVER OCCUPIED TERRITORIES. SUWAIDI STRESSED

THAT USG SHOULD REALIZE SYRIANS ARE NOT THE EGYPTIANS AND FOR THAT REASON, CAN BE EXPECTED TO TAKE A MUCH TOUGHER POSTURE WITH RESPECT TO DEMANDING RETURN OF THEIR OWN TERRITORY. BUT HE
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AGREED THAT ASAD AND HIS GOVT REMAIN DEEPLY COMMITTED TO A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT. B. CHARACTERIZING ASAD AS A MAN OF SUPERB LEADERSHIP QUALITIES, I.E., VISION, FLEXIBILITY, MODERATION AND SINCERE DEDICATION

TO CONCILIATORY APPROACH IN FOREIGN AFFAIRS, SUWAIDI HOPED THAT US WOULD GIVE HIM EVERY POSSIBLE SUPPORT. WHENEVER SHAIKH ZAYID OR HE HAD MET ASAD, LATTER HAS ALWAYS TAKEN POSITION THAT NO MATTER HOW BAD RELATIONS BETWEEN STATES BECOME, OR BETWEEN POLITICAL FACTIONS WITHIN HIS OWN COUNTRY, THERE SHOULD ALWAYS BE A DIALOGUE MAINTAINED BECAUSE CIRCUMSTANCES AND VIEW POINTS CHANGE. ASAD HAS TOLD SUWAIDI THAT WHEN PARTIES TALKING THERE ALWAYS THE CHANCE FOR IMPROVING A BAD SITUATION. UAEG ALSO CONVINCED THAT ASAD FIRMLY IN CONTROL OF SARG HIRARCHY, DESPITE DIFFICULTIES WITH SOME OF HIS COLLEAGUES. IT IS CONSENSUS OF UAEG THAT ASAD IS RESPECTED AS A LEADER BY BOTH LEFT AND RIGHT IN SYRIA FOR HIS DETERMINATION TO REGAIN GOLAN TERRITORY. IN REPLY TO MY QUESTION ABOUT POSITION OF FM KHADDAM, SUWAIDI SAID THAT FROM HIS DISCUSSIONS WITH HIM, KHADDAM ALSO BASICALLY SUPPORTS PEACEFUL SOLUTION, BUT IS FAR LESS COMPROMISING THAN ASAD.

FM ASKED ABOUT PRESENT SITUATION IN ISRAEL. INFORMED HIM THAT THERE NO DOUBT WITH RESIGNATION OF PM MEIR, ISRAELIS POLITICALLY ARE IN WEAKER POSITION. ON OTHER HAND, IT MY OWN IMPRESSION RABIN IS MODERATE DEDICATED TO NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT. TOLD SUWAIDI IT IS OUR ASSESSMENT

THERE MUST BE GENUINE COMPROMISE BY BOTH SIDES IF DISENGAGEMENT, AND LATER FINAL SETTLEMENT, IS TO BE ACHIEVED ON SYRIAN FRONT. SUWAIDI AGREED COMMENTING THAT IT UAEG'S UNDERSTANDING MINIMUM SYRIAN POSITION FOR INITIAL DISENGAGEMENT IS ISRAELI EVACUATION OF AREA SEIZED IN OCT WAR PLUS QUNAITRA.

SYRIANS ALSO INSISTING ISRAELIS PROVIDE FIRM COMMITMENT FROM OUTSET FOR TOTAL WITHDRAWAL FROM GOLAN. C. SUWAIDI INTERESTED IN ASSESSMENT

OF SOME OBSERVERS THAT SYRIANS PROBABLY GOT MORE FROM THE SOVIETS THAN VICE VERSA WHEN ASAD RECENTLY VISITED MOSCOW. FROM HIS DISCUSSIONS WITH BOTH EGYPTIANS AND SYRIANS, HE IS CONVINCED THAT THE SOVIETS ARE DESPERATELY TRYING TO PRESERVE SEMBLANCE OF THEIR FORMER INFLUENCE IN ME. SUWAIDI SAID IT WAS HIS PERSONAL VIEW THAT IT WOULD BE DESTABILIZING FOR THE SOVIETS NOT BE INCLUDED IN AN EVENTUAL PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT. WHILE INSISTING RUSSIANS SHOULD NOT BE EXCLUDED

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FROM PEACE-MAKING EFFORTS, SUWAIDI ACKNOWLEDGED THEY MUST RECOGNIZE THAT HISTORICALLY, THE NORTHERN ARAB STATES, PARTICULARLY SYRIA AND EGYPT, HAVE BEEN ORIENTED TOWARDS THE WEST, AND CAN BE EXPECTED RETURN TO THAT TRADITIONAL ORIENTATION.

4. COMMUNIST DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATION: IN WAKE OF NUMEROUS VISITS RECENTLY BY EAST BLOC AND PRC TRADE AND PRESS GROUPS TO LOWER GULF, AND NOTABLY PERSISTENT EFFORTS OF RUMANIANS TO ESTABLISH GULF BRIDGEHEAD, ASKED SUWAIDI FRANKLY IF UAE HAS CHANGED ITS POLICY WITH RESPECT

TO PERMITTING SOVS OR OTHER COMM COUNTRIES TO OPEN RESIDENT DIPL ESTABLISHMENTS. CONFIRMING THAT UAE HAS BEEN UNDER CONSTANT PRESSURE FROM SOVS, RUMANIANS AND OTHERS FOR UAE TO ALLOW SOME FORM OF RESIDENT

PRESENCE, SUWAIDI FLATLY STATED THAT NO COMMUNIST MISSION WILL BE PER-

MITTED TO OPEN UNTIL UAE HAS IMPROVED ITS INTERNAL SECURITY CAPABILITY.

QUOTE, "WE KNOW THAT WHEN THEY COME, WE MUST WATCH THEIR MOVEMENTS VERY CAREFULLY. OUR PRESENT CAPABILITY, SECURITY-WISE, DOES NOT PERMIT THIS." SUWAIDI ALSO SAID THAT BEFORE MAKING ANY SUCH DECISION,

VIEWS OF UAE'S NEIGHBORS NATURALLY WOULD BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT, A CLEAR

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF SAUDI APPREHENSIONS. FM DID SAY, HOWEVER, THAT TIME NOT TOO FAR DISTANT WHEN HE FORESAW THE SOVS AND OTHER COMMUNIST STATES WOULD BE OPENING DIPL MISSIONS IN THE GULF, AND HE FELT SUCH A DEVELOPMENT ONLY NATURAL AS IT WAS IN UAE'S LONG-TERM INTEREST TO HAVE FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH ALL STATES REGARDLESS OF POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC SYSTEM THEY FOLLOWED.

5. SAUDI/ABU DHABI BORDER DISPUTE: NOTING CONSIDERABLE PRESS SPECULATION THAT TOOK PLACE AT TIME OF LAHORE CONF ABOUT POSSIBLE BREAKTHROUGH OVER THE SAUDI/ABU DHABI BORDER PROBLEM, I COMMENTED THAT OUR SOUNDINGS TURNED UP VERY LITTLE, EXCEPT SAUDIS HAD MENTIONED TO US IN VERY LOW KEY FASHION THAT THEY PRESENTED SOME NEW PROPOSALS TO UAEG AT LAHORE AND BALL WAS NOW IN ABU DHABI'S

COURT. SKILLFULLY SKIRTING MENTION OF ANY NEW PROPOSALS, SUWAIDI SAID EMPHATICALLY THAT THERE HAS BEEN NO SIGNIFICANT BREAKTHROUGH ON BORDER PROBLEM. HOWEVER, HE STRESSED THAT THE UAE IS USING MANY CHANNELS NOW TO COMMUNICATE WITH SAUDIS, MOST IMPORTANT OF WHICH IS SECRET

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VIA GOVT OF QATAR. SUWAIDI PRAISED SHAIKH KHALIFA AND HIS GOVT AS ENJOYING CONFIDENCE OF BOTH UAE AND SAG. NUMEROUS OTHER CHANNELS ARE KEPT OPEN HE SAID, BECAUSE ONE NEVER KNOWS WHEN THEY MAY PROVIDE THE KEY TO A SETTLEMENT. THERE NO DOUBT FROM FM'S REMARKS THAT UAE NOW RELYING PRIMARILY ON MEDIATION EFFORTS OF QATARIS. SUWAIDI REITERATED WHAT HE HAS SAID MANY TIMES BEFORE THAT, WHILE UAE DOES NOT EXPECT USG TO BECOME DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN DETAILS OF THIS VEXATIOUS BORDER DISPUTE, IT DOES LOOK TO USG AS FRIEND OF BOTH PARTIES TO CONTINUE BEHIND THE SCENES EFFORTS TO ENCOURAGE CONTACTS AND TO FACILITATE FORMULA FOR FAIR SETTLEMENT. WE AGREED THAT SETTLEMENT OF SAUDI/ABU DHABI TERRITORIAL DISPUTE RANKS ONLY AFTER POLITICAL RESOLUTION OF OMAN/PDRY CONFLICT IN ORDER OF PRIORITIES FOR ASSURING STABILITY OF THE AREA.

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6. ARAB LEAGUE MEDIATION OF PDRY/OMAN CONFLICT: COMMENTED TO SUWAID

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THAT WHILE CONTINUED SUCCESS OF OMANI ARMS IN DHOFAR WAS ENCOURAGING,
WE ALSO REGARD DHOFAR WAR AS MUCH ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL AS MILITARY,
AND THEREFORE, WE WELCOMED DECISION OF ARAB LEAGUE FOR MINISTERS AT
TUNIS TO ESTABLISH MULTI-NATION MEDIATION COMMITTEE. FM OPINED
THAT ARAB COUNTRIES SELECTED TO SERVE ON COMMITTEE SHOULD ASSURE
REASONED AND BALANCED APPROACH TO PROBLEM AND HE PERSONALLY OPTIMISTI

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FOR EVENTUAL POLITICAL SETTLEMENT. BOTH AT LAHORE AND TUNIS
CONFERENCES, SUWAIDI SAID HE HAD DETECTED MORE CONCILIATORY ATTITUDE

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ON PART OF PDRY REPS, AND CURRENT CONTACTS KUWAITIS ARE ENGAGED
IN WITH PDRY SHOULD ALSO PROVE HELPFUL. FM ACCEPTED THESIS THAT
AFFLUENT STATES OF PENINSULA SHOULD DO THEIR UTMOST TO ASSIST PDRY
AND WEAN IT AWAY FROM DEPENDENCE ON SOVS AND PRC. IN REPLY MY
QUESTION WHETHER COMMITTEE HAS INITIATED ITS WORK, SUWAIDI SAID HE
UNDERSTOOD RESIDENT REPS OF COMMITTEE MEMBTYB RECENTLY HELD ORGANIZAT

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MTG IN CAIRO AND HE WAS HOPEFUL THAT THEY WOULD PROMPTLY BEGIN THEIR
ON-SITE INVESTIGATION. SUWAIDI ESPECIALLY PLEASED THAT SYRIAN AMBASS
ADOR

TO UAE, RIFAI, LIKELY WILL BE SARG'S REP ON COMMITTEE. RIFAI IS
SEASONED DIPLOMAT, HE SAID, WITH EXTENSIVE KNOWLEDGE OF YEMENI
PROBLEMS FROM TIME HE SERVED AS ARAB LEAGUE MEDIATOR TO TWO YEMENS
(EMBASSY ALSO INFORMED BY TUNISIAN AMB OAUNES THAT HE WILL LIKELY
BE HIS COUNTRY'S REP ON COMMITTEE). AS HE DID ONCE BEFORE, SUWAIDI
ASKED IF I COULD PROVIDE HIM WITH UP-DATED SUMMARY ANALYSIS OF INTERN

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SITUATION IN PDRY AND HOWE WE ASSESS CHANCES OF ADEN GOVT PURSUING
POL SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES WITH ITS NEIGHBORS.

7. RELATIONS WITH IRAQ: ASKED FOR MIN FOR HIS ASSESSMENT OF
PRESENT IRAQI ROLE IN GULF. SUWAIDI RESPONDED VERY FORTHRIGHTLY
STATING THAT IN ITS RELATIONS WITH PRESENT REGIME IN IRAQ, UAE HAS TO
TKAE VERY CAUTIOUS APPROACH; GOVT TO GOVT RELATIONS WERE NOT BAD, AND

UAE ALWAYS SPEAKS FRANKLY TO IRAQI LEADERSHIP, STRESSING NEED FOR GOI TO ACT RESPONSIBLY TOWARD ITS NEIGHBORS. SUWAIDI SAID THAT IT WELL KNOWN, HOWEVER, THAT BAATH PARTY MEMBERS HAVE COMPLETELY INFILTRATED ARAB WORLD, ESPECIALLY THE GULF STATES, AND IT WAS THESE PEOPLE WHO STIRRED UP TROUBLE. PROBLEM FOR ALL GULF STATES IS WHAT GOI DENIES DOING ON OFFICIAL LEVEL, PARTY IS ENGAGED IN DOING ON SUBVERSIVE, CLANDESTINE LEVEL. AS EXAMPLE, SUWAIDI SAID GOI DENIES TO UAE THAT IT SUPPORTS PDRY, BUT IT WELL KNOWN THAT IRAQI ARMS AND OTHER SUPPORT ARE REACHING PDRY AND DHOFARI REBELS. SUWAIDI SEEMED RELATIVELY UNCONCERNED, HOWEVER, ABOUT IRAQI MACHINATIONS IN GULF IN NEAR TERM, BECAUSE OF GOI'S PREOCCUPATION WITH PROBLEMS AT HOME, THE WAR AGAINST THE KURDS AND BORDER PROBLEMS WITH IRAN* THROUGHOUT OUR DISCUSSIONS ON THIS SUBJECT, SUWAIDI MADE IT EXPLICITLY CLEAR THAT UAE CANNOT IGNORE IRAQ OR ITS VIEWS, BECAUSE IT IS A GULF STATE.

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8. INTERNAL SITUATION IN EGYPT: SUWAIDI WAS VERY INTERESTED IN USG ASSESSMENT OF NEW EGYPTIAN CABINET. DRAWING ON CAIRO'S 2623, I INFORMED HIM THAT CABINET DIFFERS LITTLE FROM PREVIOUS ONE, REPRESENTS SERIES OF COMPROMISES ON PART OF SADAT, AND APPEARS TO HAVE PROJECTED ECONOMIC CZAR HIJAZI INTO EVEN MORE IMPORTANT POSITION. AMONG THOSE EMERGING WITH DIMINISHED POWER, SUWAIDI INQUIRED SPECIFICALLY ABOUT FORMER DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER MOHAMMAD HATIM. SUWAIDI ALSO ASKED FOR ANY INFO EMB COULD PROVIDE HIM ABOUT RECENT DISTURBANCE AT CAIRO MILITARY ACADEMY, SPECIFICALLY WHETHER THERE FIRM EVIDENCE THAT ANY OTHER ARAB STATE MAY HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN PLOT AGAINST SADAT. PLAN TO DRAW UPON DEPT POUCH MATERIAL TO ANSWER THIS QUERY.

9. COMMENT: A. THIS MTG WAS UNDOUBTEDLY ONE OF MOST FORTHCOMING AND FRANK DISCUSSIONS I HAVE EVER HAD WITH SUWAIDI. AFTER NUMEROUS FAILURES OF TRYING TO TALK SERIOUS BUSINESS WITH HIM IN CHAOTIC ATMOSPHERE OF MINISTRY, I NOW TRY, WHENEVER I HAVE AGENDA OF ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION, TO INSIST ON SEEING HIM AT HOME OR AFTER OFFICE HOURS. OUT OF OFFICE HE IS CHARMING INTERLOCUTOR, MUCH MORE PERSONABLE, RELAXED AND BETTER ABLE TO CONCENTRATE PERCEPTIVELY ON NUMBER OF SUBJECTS AT SAME TIME.

B. SUWAIDI EXPRESSED PLEASURE THAT IT EVIDENT USG NOW FOCUSING MORE INTENTLY ON GULF AND ALSO PROVIDING PERSONNEL RESOURCES TO COVER THE AREA ADEQUATELY. FROM OUTSIDE CONTACTS AND FROM HIS ASSOCIATION WITH AMB AND EMB OFFICERS, SUWAIDI APPEARS TO BE IMPRESSED WITH AMOUNT OF KNOWLEDGE THAT USG ABLE COLLECT AND DISSEMINATE TO ITS POSTS ON ANY ONE SUBJECT. INCREASINGLY, HE SEEMS TO APPRECIATE

VALUE TO UAEG IN ACQUAINTING ITSELF ON REGULAR BASIS WITH USG
THINKING ON KEY PROBLEMS. RE INFORMATION GATHERING, IT ALSO OF
INTEREST THAT FOR MIN NOTED WITH SOME PRIDE IMPROVEMENT IN OPERATIONS
OF EMBRYONIC UAE FOREIGN SERVICE; THUS, HE SAID AS INPUT TO ITS OWN
DECISION-MAKING PROCESS,
MFA NOW BEGINNING TO RECEIVE FLOW OF REPORTS FROM YOUNGER, BETTER
EDUCATED UAE REPS POSTED ABROAD.
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